

OPPTS

**Office of Prevention, Pesticides,
and Toxic Substances**

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OPPTS is functionally organized into three Offices covering:

- **Pesticides**
- **Pollution Prevention and
Toxic Substances**
- **Science Policy**

Pesticides

This Office is responsible for regulating the use of all pesticides in the US. Major activities include:

- Registration and Reregistration of Pesticides
- Setting maximum levels for pesticide residue in food
- Pesticide labeling and other regulatory actions to protect health and the environment

Pollution Prevention and Toxic Substances

This Office promotes the use of safer chemicals, processes, and technologies, and supports activities to advance pollution prevention. Major activities include:

- National programs for Lead, Asbestos and PCBs
- Design for the Environment, Green Chemistry, and Chemical Right to Know
- New Chemical PreManufacturing Notice reviews

Science Policy

This Office provides coordination and leadership of science policy within OPPTS. Major activities include:

- Endocrine disruptors
- Biotechnology
- FIFRA Science Advisory Panel (SAP)

Contract Volume

- Together these three Offices have over 40 active large contracts valued at over \$240 Million.
 - Contracts range from:
 - Small, low dollar value, single purpose; to large, multi-year, multi discipline
 - Each year OPPTS spends ~\$40M on contract activity

Types of Contract Activity

- **Communication and Outreach (C&O)** - Conference support, training, workshops, development of outreach materials, preparations of charts, graphs, photos, maps, brochures, posters.
- **Information Technology (IT)**- Computer programming and applications support.
- **Technical Evaluation (TE)** – Technical reviews; exposure, fate, chemistry and toxicology support; tolerance assessments, literature reviews, evaluation of scientific studies.
- **Policy and Regulatory Support (Pol/Reg)** – Regulatory impact analysis, economic analysis, biological impact assessments and quality assurance support.
- **Administrative (Adm)** – Requirements for records and files management, training, supplies, office furniture/non-ADP equipment and its maintenance.

Contracts Projected to be Open within the next 24 months

Type	Number	Potential Value
C&O	3	\$7M-20M
IT	5	\$17M-71M
TE	15	\$38M-128M
Pol/Reg	5	\$41M-205M
TOTALS:	28	\$103M-424M

Web Sites for additional information

- OPPTS – www.epa.gov/oppts
- EPA Acquisition Forecast – <http://yosemite1.epa.gov/oarm/oam/forecastdatabase.nsf>
- Points of Contact
 - Contracting questions - person named in website forecast or OPPTS' Service Center Mgr. – Tim Farris 202-564-4759